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Letters to the Editor

Laos and Cuba

To quote from Mr. Kennedy's press conference statement of March 22, 1961: "This threat is posed by the military operations of internal dissident elements directed from outside the country. This is what must be done if peace is to be achieved."

In Laos, Mr. Kennedy seems to discourage military operations of internal dissident elements directed from outside the country—by the Communists, to be specific.

In Cuba, Mr. Kennedy encourages military operations of internal dissident elements directed from outside the country—by Allen Dulles and the American CIA, to be specific.

If we're going to object to sneaks in Laos, shouldn't we object to sneaks in Cuba? Either Mr. Kennedy's position is based on hypocritical grounds which place my country in an unenviable position morally and logically in the eyes of the world, or he is justifying Soviet intervention on behalf of the Cuban government. If Mr. Kennedy would withdraw our sneaks from the Cuban picture, I'd feel a lot happier about supporting him on the Laos issue.

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